Sociology 4141: Self-Reported Delinquency Spring 2008- UGGEN

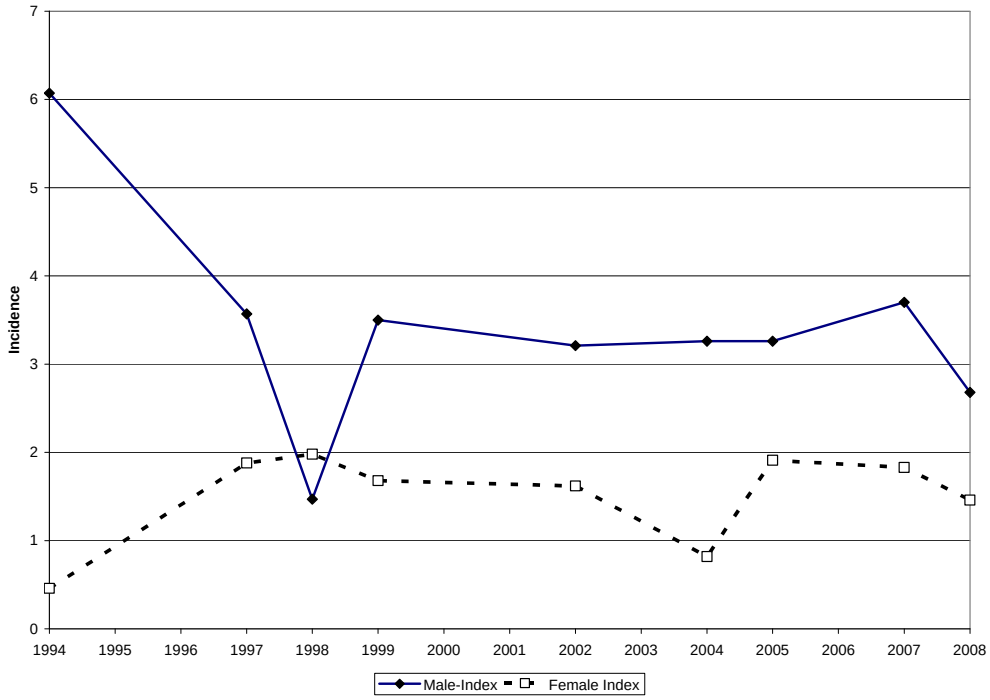
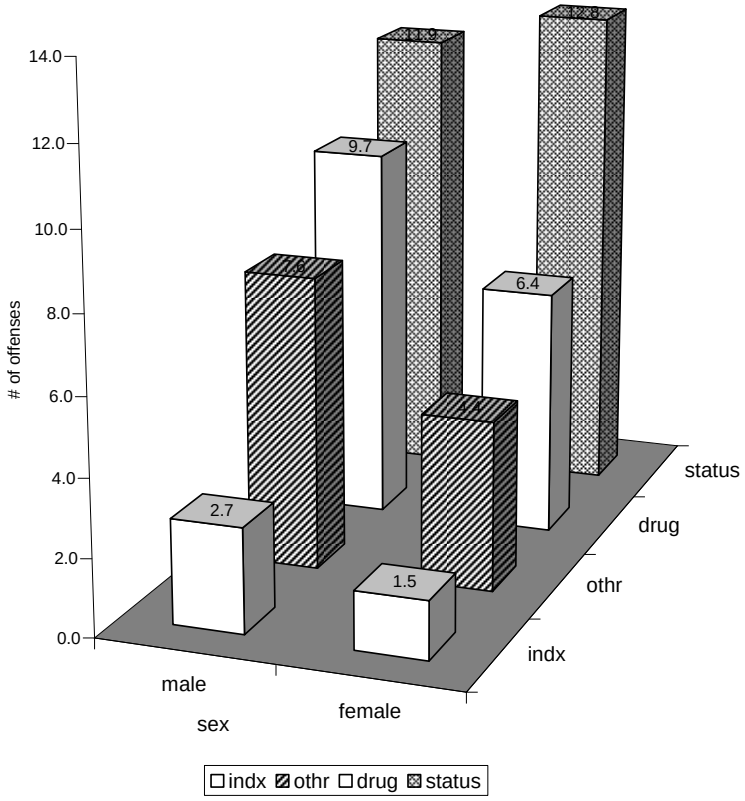
The table and graph below show the results of our class survey.Taking the results at face value, it appears that many of you could or should be institutionalized. Evaluate the following hypotheses:(a) "this cheesy little survey only measures trivial offenses. UCR arrest data identify the REAL delinquents." (b) "No, our self-reports reflect "real delinquency." Arrest data are biased by discrimination by race, class, or neighborhood effects.Your assignment is to list at least 3 points supporting either argument Compare the results uncovered by each method and their relative strengths and weaknesses. If your group is "split," indicate who "believes" the self reports and who "believes" the official statistics. If you weasel out by saying they are BOTH correct you must find some way to reconcile the differing results.

		TOTAL n=52				*FEMALES n=35*				*MALES n=17*		
offense	**prevalence**		**incidence**		**prevalence**		**incidence**		**prevalence**		**incidence**	
	n	**%**	**f**	**avg**	**n**	**%**	**f**	**avg**	**n**	**%**	**f**	**avg**
INDEX PERSONAL												
rape	0	0%	0.0	0.0	0	0%	1.0	0.0	0	0%	0.0	0.0
robbery	1	2%	1.0	0.0	0	0%	0.0	0.0	1	6%	1.0	0.1
agg. assault	8	15%	16.5	0.3	4	11%	9.0	0.3	4	24%	7.5	0.4
INDEX PROPERTY												
burglary	8	15%	14.5	0.3	4	11%	4.0	0.1	4	24%	10.5	0.6
larceny-theft	13	25%	30.5	0.6	7	20%	15.5	0.4	6	35%	15.0	0.9
auto theft	12	23%	33.0	0.6	8	23%	21.5	0.6	4	24%	11.5	0.7
arson	0	0%	0.0	0.0	0	0%	0.0	0.0	0	0%	0.0	0.0
INDEX SUBTOTAL				**1.8**				**1.46**				**2.68**
"OTHER" NONINDEX CRIMES												
assault	19	37%	32.0	0.6	11	31%	15.5	0.4	8	47%	16.5	1.0
weapon	4	8%	17.0	0.3	1	3%	5.0	0.1	3	18%	12.0	0.7
vandalism	10	19%	20.0	0.4	5	14%	7.0	0.2	5	29%	13.0	0.8
solicitation	2	4%	3.0	0.1	0	0%	0.0	0.0	2	12%	3.0	0.2
petty $5-50	27	52%	84.5	1.6	18	51%	49.5	1.4	9	53%	35.0	2.1
petty <$5	41	79%	126.0	2.4	28	80%	77.0	2.2	13	76%	49.0	2.9
"OTHER" SUBTOTAL				**5.4**				**4.40**				**7.56**
NONINDEX: ALCOHOL AND DRUG												
cocaine	8	15%	36.0	0.7	5	14%	21.0	0.6	3	18%	15.0	0.9
marijuana	37	71%	156.0	3.0	24	69%	95.5	2.7	13	76%	60.5	3.6
lsd/shroom	8	15%	18.0	0.3	4	11%	5.0	0.1	4	24%	13.0	0.8
dist.liquor	38	73%	131.0	2.5	24	69%	83.5	2.4	14	82%	47.5	2.8
dealer-mj	9	17%	32.5	0.6	3	9%	9.5	0.3	6	35%	23.0	1.4
dealer-nonmj	5	10%	14.0	0.3	3	9%	8.0	0.2	2	12%	6.0	0.4
DRUG SUBTOTAL				**7.5**				**6.36**				**9.71**
NONINDEX: STATUS OFFENSES												
incorrigible	42	81%	140.0	2.7	29	83%	96.5	2.8	13	76%	43.5	2.6
runaway	13	25%	21.5	0.4	7	20%	11.0	0.3	6	35%	10.5	0.6
alcohol	49	94%	230.0	4.4	32	91%	152.5	4.4	17	100%	77.5	4.6
fornication	30	58%	134.0	2.6	21	60%	99.0	2.8	9	53%	35.0	2.1
truant	35	67%	126.0	2.4	25	71%	90.0	2.6	10	59%	36.0	2.1
STATUS SUBTOTAL				**12.53**				**12.83**				**11.91**
GRAND TOTAL				**27.25**				**25.04**				**31.85**

NOTES
Prevalence: the proportion committing the act at least once
Incidence: the total number of delinquent acts/n

Self-Reported Delinquency in Uggen's Juvenile Delinquency Classes

Sex and Self-Reported Index Crimes in Uggen's JD Classes



Average Incidence of Self-Reported
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